Demand for physiotherapy

†776. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demand for physiotherapy is increasing in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government have created and filled up the posts of physiotherapists in all the Government hospitals;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to regularize the profession of physiotherapy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) With the increasing population, the demand for services of Medical Professionals and other Para Medical professionals including Physiotherapists is increasing. However, no specific survey has so far been carried out to assess the requirement of physiotherapists in the country.

(b) and (c) The Department of Physical medicine and Rehabilitation exists in all the three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi *viz.* Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospital. However, no new posts of Physiotherapists have been created in any of these three Hospitals, recently.

(d) The Government is in process of constituting a Council for regulating the discipline of Physiotherapy.

Maternal mortality

777. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in country for every one lac pregnant females, 407 fall victim to maternal mortality, while worldwide one lac women die annually and another six lac become disabled;

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